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TO BUILD NEW METALLURGICAL PLANTS

START PREPARATORY WORK ON NEW METALLURGICAL PLANT -- Potsdam, Maerkische Volks-
 stimme, 2 Oct 50

According to information from the Main Administration for Metallurgy of the
 Ministry for Industry in East Germany, a new metallurgical plant, with ten furnaces,
 will be built near Calbe on the Saale for the production of pig iron.

Preparatory work for the plant has already been started. Domestic fuels will
 be used in the production process, and the ore to be processed will come solely
 from domestic ore deposits, which will be exploited within the framework of the
 Five-Year Plan

The first battery and its ore-processing and roasting installations will be
 completed in 1951.

COMPLETE OPEN-HEARTH FURNACES AHEAD OF SCHEDULE -- Berlin, Die Wirtschaft,
 15 Sep 50, 13 Oct 50

The second open-hearth furnace in the newly built Brandenburg Steel and Rolling
 Mill has been completed and started operations on 14 September 1950, ahead of
 schedule.

The third open-hearth furnace was put into operation on 12 October 1950,
 7 weeks ahead of schedule.

It is planned to complete construction and start operation of the fourth open-
 hearth furnace by 21 December 1950 (Stalin's birthday), ahead of schedule.

TO ERECT NEW IRON AND STEEL PLANT -- Berlin, Nachrichten fuer Aussenhandel,
 23 Aug 50

A new iron and steel plant with a 500,000-ton pig iron capacity will be erected
 near Fuerstenberg/Ober. A sheet-metal factory with a 150,000-ton annual capacity
 is to be added to the plant. The plant will employ 12,000 workers, including office
 personnel, and it is planned to build dwellings for 30,000 people in the Fuerstenberg
 and Schoenflies area.

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BLOOMING MILL TO START OPERATIONS -- Berlin, Die Wirtschaft, 1 Sep 50

The first blooming mill to be added to the people-owned Riesa Steel and Rolling Mill is 90-percent completed and will start operating in October 1950. Steel ingots of up to 2½ tons can be rolled in this mill.

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